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This week's edition of the Office of Recovery Newsletter highlights the Emergency Water Assistance Program that provides one-time payments to Kansans to restore or prevent the disconnection of drinking water and wastewater services.

This edition also provides an update on the first round of Pandemic Assistance and Vaccine Equity Grants (PAVE) funding that was designed to provide COVID-19 vaccinations, testing and resources to high-risk communities disproportionately affected by the pandemic. The application for this program is open through December 31, 2021.

For the latest information about resources available to Kansans, see the "Updates to

Services and Support” section of this newsletter.

For the most up-to-date information, please visit the Office of Recovery website at:

[COVID.ks.gov](https://www.covid.ks.gov)

Program Spotlight



Funding Available to Ensure Kansans have Access to Drinking Water, Wastewater Services

Kansas households adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic may benefit from a new program to help restore or prevent disconnection of drinking water and wastewater services.

The Emergency Water Assistance Program (EWAP) is a federally funded program that is being administered for Kansas residents by the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF).

“The program’s sole focus is to restore or prevent disconnection of water to Kansas households,” DCF Secretary Laura Howard said. “Kansas was awarded \$9 million to support hardworking Kansas households who have gotten behind on their water bills because of the pandemic.”

Once the funding is exhausted, the program will end. Kansans may apply for this one-time benefit beginning December 1, 2021.

Learn if your household qualifies for the EWAP program:

The Emergency Water Assistance Program application for qualifying Kansas households will be available December 1, 2021. Once the funding runs out, the program will close. Submit the application as soon as possible on or after December 1.

- Application for EWAP - [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

- Review the frequently asked questions (FAQs) for the program - [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

An EWAP qualifying Kansas household is:

- Currently disconnected from drinking water and/or wastewater services or have received a disconnection notice.
- At least one adult household member must be responsible for drinking water and/or wastewater costs incurred at the primary residence payable to either the landlord or to the water utility vendor.
- At least one household member must be a US citizen or meet the lawful residency requirements.
- Combined gross income equal to or less than 150% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

“Public water utility partnership is vital to the success of the water assistance program,” said Howard. “DCF is required to pay the public water utility provider, not the household. The sooner the utility company is in the system, the faster payment will be made on behalf of the household by DCF.”

Water partners are asked to submit a signed water vendor agreement and tax documents that can be [found here](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please email DCF.EWAP@ks.gov.



Governor Laura Kelly Announces the First Round of Grants to Community Organizations to Support COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts

To reaffirm her administration’s support for local organizations engaged in efforts to increase COVID-19 vaccinations, Governor Laura Kelly has announced the first

round of Pandemic Assistance and Vaccine Equity Grants (PAVE) funding.

“The first round of PAVE grant funds will help our local organizations support their communities to beat this virus once and for all,” **said Governor Laura Kelly.** “Local organizations know their constituents the best, and my administration is committed to supporting their efforts to increase vaccinations, keep our businesses open, and ensure every Kansan stays safe and healthy.”

This program is specifically dedicated to reaching high-risk communities disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, including underserved populations such as racial and ethnic minorities and rural communities. The 10 organizations receiving these funds will reach communities across the state to help increase the rate of COVID-19 vaccinations.

These organizations will use funds to provide COVID-19 vaccine education and resources to Hispanic and Black populations, limited English speaking persons, older adults, long-term care facilities, foster parents, single parents, persons with disabilities, schools, and rural communities. The grant will also fund transportation to vaccination sites and social media messaging and radio ads regarding the importance of vaccination.

A list of first round recipients can be found below:

Pandemic Assistance and Vaccine Equity (PAVE) Grant		
County	Organization Name	Grant Award
Graham	Kansas Black Farmers Association	\$10,000
Johnson	All Services Home Health Care	\$10,000
Lyon	TFI Family Services	\$4,066
Morris	Wonderful Works Deliverance Center COGIC	\$9,300
Reno	Pretty Prairie United Methodist Church	\$9,472
Sedgwick	ComfortCare Homes	\$8,000
Sedgwick	GraceMed Health Clinic, Inc.	\$10,000
Sedgwick	Guadalupe Clinic	\$10,000
Shawnee	Sheltered Living, Inc.	\$6,575
Wyandotte	Kansas City, KS Public Schools USD 500	\$8,045
TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED:		\$85,458

Applications can be submitted for consideration to PAVE@ks.gov until 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2021. For more information, to download an application, and to apply, please visit: <https://kansascovidgrants.com/>.

Updates to Services and Support





SPARK Executive Committee Meeting

The Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) Executive Committee will be meeting on Friday, December 10, at 10 a.m. To watch this virtual meeting live, follow this link: [SPARK Meeting](#).

Local Government Webinar

The Office of Recovery has one more scheduled Local Government webinar before the end of the year on **Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at 11 a.m.** Details on the topic and how to register will be released prior to this session.

IRS Fact Sheet Released for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

The Internal Revenue Service has released a new [fact sheet](#) addressing frequently asked questions on the taxability and reporting of payments from Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds established under the American Rescue Plan Act. These FAQs provide general information to both taxpayers receiving funds and state or local governments distributing funds.

Contact the RO

The Office of Recovery is here to offer support and coordination, and you can submit a question or inquiry via the [Contact Us form](#). Please visit covid.ks.gov for up-to-date information and resources on recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic for Kansas residents, businesses, and communities.

[Question/Request Form](#)

Warm Regards,

DeAngela Burns-Wallace, Ed.D. Secretary, Kansas Department of Administration

On behalf of the Office of Recovery, Kansas Governor Laura Kelly

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